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SUBJ: US INVOLVEMENT IN INDO-NEPAL RELATIONS

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1. NEPAL FOREIGN MINISTER KARKI'S SUGGESTION TO AMBASSADOR CARGO CUYREFTEL THAT THE US USE ITS INFLUENCE IN NEW DELHI WHEN THERE WERE PROBLEMS BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL DOES NOT SEEM TO US ONE WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE. WE DOUBT THAT US RELATIONS WITH INDIA NOW OR IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE WILL PROVIDE US WITH MUCH LEVERAGE FOR SUCH INTERVENTION.

2. IF GREAT TENSION DEVELOPED BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE OTHER POWERS, HOWEVER, OUR INTERESTS WOULD BE ENGAGED AND WE WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY WANT TO MAKE OUR VIEWS KNOWN TO ALL PARTIES AND DO WHATEVER COULD BE DONE TO HELP RESTORE POLITICAL STABILITY IN THE AREA. BETWEEN THIS POINT AND MORE ROUTINE PROBLEMS IN INDO-NEPAL RELATIONS THERE IS A BROAD RANGE OF POSSIBLE SITUATIONS. WE BELIEVE THE DESIRABILITY AND USEFULNESS OF US INTERCESSION WITH THE INDIANS SHOULD BE GAUGED AGAINST THE LIKELIHOOD OF A PROBLEM IN INDO-NEPAL RELATIONS GROWING TO GREAT SERIOUSNESS, AND THAT UNLESS THIS SEEMS LIKELY, THE US SHOULD

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